

# THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

## BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

### Rules for Young Writers.

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.
2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.
4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
5. Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.
6. Address all communications to Uncle Jed, Bulletin Office.

"Whatever you say—Be that! Whatever you say—Be that! Be honest—in fact. Be nobody else but you."

### POETRY.

**His Unlucky Day.**  
Went I got mad at me,  
I don't remember why,  
But I talked right off to school  
'Till 'twas 'twas his good-by.

A big lump came in my throat  
An' purr, near made me cry.  
For me an' the world was  
An' allus kiss good-by.

An' might 'nigh ever' thing I did  
Went wrong, looked like to me;  
I stubbed my toe, an' tore my waist  
An' fell and skinned my knee.

I missed in 'frithm' an' lost  
A chance to get up head.  
In the end, I was left  
A letter out of 'dead.'

An' that 't'ump growed, an' I says:  
'S'pose if I jump down, an' I says:  
Right now an' me—leavin' her  
'Till 'twas 'twas his good-by.'

My 't'at's the longest mornin'  
'At ever I spent, I know,  
It seemed like to be one year  
'Till 'twas 'twas his good-by.'

An' never mind what happened  
When I seen my way, but I  
'Ist guess I won't go, no more  
'Till 'twas 'twas his good-by.'

**UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE-AWAKES.**

While you are often advised to take exercise for your health, you may never have been told to exercise your mind for the strengthening of your soul.

You have not got to commit anything to memory, but just take what we call a simple word like Forest or Stars or Ocean or Tree or Dawn and think what they mean.

You know what a forest is. It is a little one, though not the great woods of South America or Russia, where you may stand on the edge of woods the other edge of which are thousands of miles away.

Dawn is a good word, and so is Twilight. You know them both—the coming of light, the fading of light—a little season of morning and evening.

But light is coming and light is fading every moment in the day. The importance of activity and rest will gleam upon you from these two words.

Call to mind Tree when you comprehend what a tree is, you will find it is a miracle. Man created the seven wonders of the world, but he cannot make the simplest tree. Trees a hundred years old surprise you, but there are trees 3,000 years old. Trees provide man shelter, food and clothing.

Oceans cover three-fifths of the surface of the earth.

# Little Servants

"Oh, what an untidy room! Skip about, little ones, and get it in order."

"I don't like to tidy room," said Elsie, with a pucker on her pretty forehead, as she turned the pieces of her dissected man to the window.

"I think it must be ever so nice to keep plenty of servants," said Ruth.

"Yes, indeed," said Bessie, "just like Mrs. Marshall."

Elsie brought a pout to her lips to keep company with the pucker in her forehead, but she said nothing.

"And I," said Elsie, "as mamma settled herself to some sewing, and the three gathered around her for a talk, 'I was reading the other day about the little king of Spain—he's only a baby, you know, mamma, and yet he's a king! And he has ever and over so many servants—all or just himself, I don't know.'"

"I don't know, dear. I never tried keeping more than one, except these little bits of china," said Bessie, "as she said, 'I don't know, dear. I never tried keeping more than one, except these little bits of china.'"

"How many did she have?" asked Elsie, "as she said, 'I don't know, dear. I never tried keeping more than one, except these little bits of china.'"

"It's a shame," said Bessie, "running to kiss her mother. 'I do love to do things for you, mamma. Ruth, girls, let's see how quick we can be.'"

"And the little maids flew about until the room was in good order."

"But," said Bessie, thoughtfully, "I don't know, Mrs. Marshall never looks half so nice as mamma, and she says her servants bother her all the time. Do you think they'd bother you, mamma, if you kept them?"

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face of the earth and man has sailed on the ocean four months without seeing land, and a hundred days without seeing anything but water and sky.

Stars—sun like our own sun—are so numerous that man cannot count them, and their planets far outnumber them.

Take the word Light. It travels 187,000 miles a second and is only 8 minutes in coming from the Sun to our Earth, ninety-three million miles, and there are suns so far away it takes the light from them 40 years to reach the earth.

Then think of Power, and if you set your mind to it right you will find the power of man in his greatest works is nothing as compared with the power of God.

This is a thought that will pay all Wide-Awakes to cultivate, or anyone else.

It pays to give strength to the soul as well as to the body.

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**LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

Ruth K. Grogan of Willimantic: I was much surprised and pleased to receive the prize book you sent me. I have read it and liked it very well. I am sending another story and hope you will like this one as well. Thank you very much.

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**STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES.**

**My First Dog.**

When I was a very little girl I lived in the country with my father and mother. I had the cutest little white dog whom I called Bingo. He and I were almost constant companions because he followed me everywhere.

Bingo was very mischievous and full of pranks, but I liked him all the better for it.

The place where we lived was just across the road from a forest. One day when I was playing with Bingo, he took a notion to wander in the woods.

So I, as usual, followed him. When we had been gone for some time, mother missed us and called to me. Getting no reply, she searched around

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the house for us, but when she was unable to find us she became anxious and ran for father's help. Then they searched through granary, cellar and shed, but with no success.

Growing more frightened they were about to start for help when they heard the bark of a dog which they readily recognized as that of Bingo. They went in the direction of the sound, which led into the forest, and found us coming toward home, Bingo in the lead.

When they asked me why I went into the woods alone, I said: "Oh! I just went to get some flowers and berries, and wasn't alone, 'cause Bingo was with me."

**NANCY TETREAULT, Age 13.**

**Autobiography of a Beauty Pin.**

"Here I am at last! I have been in the world for a long time, and I am a beauty pin."

"What did you say?" asked a little girl who was passing by. "I am a beauty pin."

"What are you in the world for?" asked the girl.

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of doing things, and painted a sign which he put up over the front door. The sign read: "Beware of Dogs."

"Women Rule Here."

The little house still stands, but the man who lived there has gone. The house is now owned by Mrs. Dorothea Gallup Gardner.

**DOROTHEA GALLUP GARDNER, Age 13.**

**A Day's Climb on the Mountains.**

Suppose we are traveling through the country and are going to climb the Alps.

First of all we must make preparations. We must wear old clothes, but they must be heavy coats, for on the mountains it is very cold. We must take a raincoat, handkerchiefs and a hat.

At the foot of the Alps it is mid-summer, but farther up it is mid-winter. The air is cold after the sun has set.

On the sides of the mountains are large forests of beech, fir and pine. There are also many small trees, such as spruce, fir and pine.

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from Manchester, my former home. He was very kind to me, paying my carfare and taking me to the theatre, which I enjoyed very much. I stayed with him in New London until April.

Her heart just ached for a doll, and I went back to the beach and went in bathing, which was my first experience in salt water, which I enjoyed much more.

When I arrived at home I found a great surprise awaiting me. While I was away, my mother had been very busy, and she had made a great many things for me.

I packed up my things and went to school. I was very happy to see my mother and to see my friends.

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